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September 06, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

58 September 6, 2016

LORI GLASGOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION
FOR ABANDONMENT OF AN OFFER TO DEDICATE A STREET AND HIGHWAY
EASEMENT ON THE ALLEY WEST OF SANTA FE AVENUE AND
SOUTH OF FLORENCE AVENUE IN THE
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WALNUT PARK
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action will allow the County of Los Angeles to abandon an offer of dedication of an easement for street and highway purposes on the alley west of Santa Fe Avenue and south of Florence Avenue, in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park, that is no longer needed for public use.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find this action categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Find that the offer of dedication of an easement for street and highway purposes on the alley west of Santa Fe Avenue and south of Florence Avenue, in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park, has been determined to be excess and not required for street or highway purposes and that it may, therefore, be vacated, pursuant to Section 8334(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 3. Find that the offer of dedication of an easement for street and highway purposes on the alley west of Santa Fe Avenue and south of Florence Avenue, in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park, is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility, as required by Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

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- 4. Terminate the offer of dedication of an easement for street and highway purposes on the alley west of Santa Fe Avenue and south of Florence Avenue, in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park, and abandon the County of Los Angeles' right to accept and open the street, pursuant to Section 66477.2(c) of the California Government Code.
- 5. Adopt the Resolution of Summary Vacation, pursuant to Section 8335 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 6. Upon approval, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the County of Los Angeles to abandon the offer of dedication of an easement for street and highway purposes on the alley west of Santa Fe Avenue and south of Florence Avenue (Offer), in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park, since the Offer no longer serves the purpose for which it was dedicated and is not required for public use.

<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1). The abandonment of the Offer will result in added revenue through assessment and taxation and reduce the County's exposure to potential liability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The property owner is providing the funding for this abandonment.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The area to be abandoned contains approximately 500 square feet and is shown on the map that is attached to the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation.

The County's interest in the Offer was acquired in 2015 by Document No. 20151456001, of Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, as an offer to dedicate an easement for street and highway purposes.

The offer to dedicate an easement for street and highway purposes was never accepted by the County; no improvements were ever made to the right of way by the County, and this area has never been used for County highway purposes.

The Department of Public Works, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, requested the abandonment to eliminate the encroachment of a portion of a structure within the offer of dedication.

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The California Streets and Highways Code, Section 8334(a), provides that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate an excess right of way of a street or highway not required for street or highway purposes.

The California Streets and Highways Code, Section 8335, provides that upon making the required finding, the legislative body of a local agency may effectuate the summary vacation of a street, highway, or public service easement by adopting a resolution of vacation.

The California Streets and Highways Code, Section 892(a), provides that rights of way established for other purposes by cities, counties, or local agencies shall not be abandoned unless the governing body determines that rights of way or parts thereof are not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility. A nonmotorized transportation facility is defined in Section 887 of the California Streets and Highways Code as a facility designed primarily for the use of pedestrians, bicyclists, or equestrians.

The California Government Code, Section 66477.2(c), provides that offers of dedication, which are covered by subdivision (a) may be terminated and abandoned in the same manner as prescribed for the summary vacation of streets by Part 3 (commencing with Section 8300) of Division 9 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

Adoption of the enclosed resolution and the subsequent recordation will terminate the County's rights and interest in the Offer and will result in the properties being unencumbered by the Offer and available to the property owner for use without restriction of the Offer.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, as specified in Sections 15305 and 15321 of the CEQA Guidelines, which state that the class of projects consisting of minor alterations in land use, limitations, and actions to revoke entitlement for use, issued and adopted by the regulatory agency, have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will allow additional property taxes through the abandonment of the Offer.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one original and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, together with a copy of the Board's minute order. Retain one original for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division–Asset Management)
 Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
 County Counsel
 Executive Office

RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION FOR ABANDONMENT OF AN OFFER TO DEDICATE A STREET AND HIGHWAY EASEMENT ON THE ALLEY WEST OF SANTA FE AVENUE AND SOUTH OF FLORENCE AVENUE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The County of Los Angeles is the recipient of an offer of dedication of an easement for street and highway purposes (hereinafter referred to as the Offer) in, over, and across the real property as legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both attached hereto. The Offer west of Santa Fe Avenue and south of Florence Avenue is located in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
- 2. The Offer has been determined to be excess and not required for street or highway purposes.
- 3. The Offer is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility as defined in Section 887 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 4. The Offer is hereby terminated and abandoned pursuant to Section 66477.2(c) of the California Government Code and pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3, Division 9, of the California Streets and Highways Code, commencing with Section 8330.
- 5. The Director of Public Works or her designee is authorized to record the certified original resolution in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the Offer will be terminated and the County's right to accept said offer of dedication will be abandoned.
- 6. From and after the date this resolution is recorded, the Offer will no longer constitute a street, highway, or public service easement.

The foregoing resolution was on the 6th day of Septem ber 2016 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

RM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM County Counsel

LORI GLASGOW
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By <u>Carla Little</u> Deputy

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EXHIBIT A

Project name: Alley west of Santa Fe Avenue and

south of Florence Avenue **ALLEY 679 1-1ABN**

A.I.N. 6025-029-012, 033, & 035

T.G. 674-H7 I.M. 099-217 R.D. 241

S.D. 2 LDRW1103

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

<u>PARCEL NO. 1-1ABN</u> (Abandonment of offer of dedication for road and highway purposes):

The easterly 2.5 feet of that certain parcel of land in Lots 13, 15, 17, 19, and 21, Block B, Nadeau's Pioneer Homestead Tract, as shown on map recorded in Book 11, page 90, of Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, designated as Parcel 2 in deed to said county, recorded on November 19, 2015, as Document No. 20151456001, of Official Records, in the office of said Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Containing: 500± square feet.



By LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Dated JULY 7 , 2016

